

AGENDA FOR MAY 18, 2005

A meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at **9:30 a.m.**, in the **Town of Truckee Council Chambers**, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, California. No action will be taken at the meeting on any business not appearing on the posted agenda.

The Commission welcomes you to its meetings, which are scheduled the third Wednesday of every other month. Your opinions and suggestions are encouraged. All meetings are recorded. The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible.

REGULAR MEETING: 9:30 a.m.

STANDING ORDERS: Call the Meeting to Order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANY MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON A MATTER ON THE AGENDA, please come to the podium when the item number and subject matter are announced. When recognized, please provide your name and address for the record. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please limit your comments to the specific item under discussion. For items not on the agenda, please refer to Public Comment listed after Action Items. (Time limitations are explained in an attachment to this agenda).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: For discussion and possible action.

1. Financial Reports:

A. March and April 2005

- Local Transportation Funds.
- State Transit Assistance Fund.
- Regional Surface Transportation Program Fund.
- Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program Fund.

2. Correspondence: Note: Items 2A through 2I were emails sent to Commissioners and packet recipients, many with links to news articles:

- #### A.
- Email sent 3/9/05 entitled, "Traffic Around the Grass Valley Post Office", by Gerard Tassone, dated 3/28/05. Email attachment included 3/4/05 email from Phil Carville to Dan Landon, 3/4/05 email from Dan Landon to Phil Carville, and Phil Carville's initial email 3/4/05 to distribution list regarding Sherri Baxter's letter in The Union.

- B. “Post Office Poses Traffic Challenges”, by Gerard Tassone, in The Union, 3/12/05; “Time to Address Post Office Issue”, Editorial, The Union, 3/12/05; “It Affects Millions, But State’s Transportation Crisis Is Still Ignored”, by Dan Walters, Sacramento Bee, 3/14/05.
- C. “Senate Panel Advances Highway Bill”, Associated Press writer Jim Abrams, Sacramento Bee, 3/16/05.
- D. “Bleak Highways - Gas Prices Go Up, Road System Goes Down”, Editorial, Sacramento Bee, 3/17/05; “Train Service Over Sierra Coming Down The Tracks”, by Jamie Bate, Sierra Sun, 3/15/05; “Local Restaurants, Hotel Pitch In For Trails, Open Space”, by David Bunker, Sierra Sun, 1/5/05 (some of these funds may be used to extend the Truckee river Legacy Trail, funded by the Town and NCTC). Email with links was sent on 3/17/05.
- E. “Mousehole Funding Passes U.S. House”, by David Bunker, Sierra Sun, 3/21/05; “Gas Tax May Get Back To Road”, by Sharon McNary, The Press-Enterprise, 3/29/05; “Sales Tax Goes Up Today”, by Mark Prado, Marin Independent Journal, 4/1/05; “Democrats to Unveil Roadway Funds Plan”, by Jim Sanders, Sacramento Bee, 4/5/05.
- F. “Democrats Jump On Gas-Price Hysteria With Tax-Swap Scheme”, by Dan Walters, Sacramento Bee, 4/6/05; “The Pothole Tax”, Editorial, Los Angeles Times, 4/7/05; “Transportation Plan Coming Together”, by Barry Eberling, Daily Republic Online Edition, 4/8/05; “DeSaulnier Pushes Gas Tax Reform”, by Mike Adamick, Contra Costa Times, 4/12/05.
- G. “Gas Tax Isn’t Keeping Up With Population, Road Use”, by Daniel Weintraub, Sacramento Bee, 4/14/05; “Panel To Seek More Money For Highway Bill”, by Associated Press writer Jim Abrams, Sacramento Bee, 4/19/05; “Hybrids Could Pay More Gas Tax - U.S. To Study Tariffs On Miles Driven, Not Gallons Purchased”, by Edward Epstein, Chronicle Washington Bureau, SFGate.com, 4/20/05.
- H. “Amtrak Wants Reorganization, More Funding - Plan Could Be End Of Line For Some Long-Distance Trains”, by Edward Epstein, Chronicle Washington Bureau, SFGate.com, 4/22/05; “Transportation Planners Consider Fundraising Options”, by Jason Probst, Gold Country News Service, Auburn Journal, 4/25/05.
- I. “Greenbacks for Greenbelt”, by David Bunker, Sierra Sun, 4/20/05; “Board Pushes For Restoration Of Gas Tax Funds - Contra Costa County Losing Millions In Transportation Money Each Year To State”, by Rebecca F. Johnson, Inside Bay Area, 4/27/05; “Paying On The Highway To Get Out Of First Gear”, by Timothy Egan, New York Times, 4/28/05. Email with links was sent on 5/2/05.
- * J. Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation- Received NCTC's 2004/05 Unmet Transit Needs documentation and found it in full compliance with TDA statutes, codes, and regulations, 4/7/05, File 1450.
- * K. Nevada City Engineering, Inc. - Letter to the Governor and legislative representatives requesting support for restoring planned transportation funding for the State and Nevada County. 4/19/05, File 570.

- * L. Sierra Sun newspaper article - "Road Work Ahead", by David Bunker and Jamie Bate, regarding construction beginning on Truckee's dual roundabouts. 4/27/05, File 1200.9.
- * Copies of these items are included in the agenda packet. Copies of correspondence not included in the agenda packet will be provided on request.
- 3. NCTC Appendix B of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual: The enclosed Appendix B is to replace the one included in the March 16, 2005 NCTC agenda packet that had typographical errors under Step 4 of the transportation planner's salary range.
- 4. A Solution for Local Transportation Projects: Presentation by Josh Susman, Council member, Town of Truckee, and NCTC Commissioner. The attached document is an overview of Truckee's development of a sales tax measure as a revenue source.
- 5. Executive Director's Report.
- 6. Caltrans District 3:
 - A. Project Status Report: Tom Brannon, Caltrans Project Manager for Nevada County, will not be present at this meeting.
 - B. Public Outreach: Widening of SR 49/La Barr Meadows Road: Ann Marie Robinson, Caltrans Planner and Liaison for Nevada County.

CONSENT ITEMS: All matters listed are to be considered routine and noncontroversial by the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless, before the Commission votes on the motion to adopt, members of the Commission, a staff member, or an interested party requests that a specific item be removed.

- 7. NCTC Minutes: March 18, 2005.

Recommendation: Approve Minutes.

- 8. Revised Findings of Apportionments for FY 2005/06: The State Department of Finance has provided an updated population estimate for Nevada County. In accordance with State statutes, staff has apportioned the estimated revenues to the entities within the jurisdiction of the Nevada County Transportation Commission.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-16 adopting the Revised Findings of Apportionments for FY 2005/06.

- 9. Allocation Request from Nevada County: Through the adoption of Resolution 05-56, the County of Nevada is requesting an allocation of \$40,798.00 from Community Transit Services Funds for transit/paratransit operations in FY 2004/05.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-17.

- 10. Allocation Request from the City of Grass Valley: Through adoption of Resolution 05-17, Grass Valley is requesting an allocation of \$25,050 of Local Transportation Funds for pedestrian/bicycle/sidewalk safety improvements.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-18.

11. The Town of Truckee's Request for NCTC's Approval of Certifications and Assurances of their 2003/04 FY FTA 5311 Grant Application Package in the Amount of \$24,645. This document attests that NCTC certifies and assures that the Town of Truckee's Transit Division has met the requirements for applying for FTA 5311 grant funds.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-19.

12. Allocation Request from Nevada County: Through the adoption of Resolution 05-138, the County of Nevada is requesting an allocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds in the amount of \$305,000 for their 2005 Overlay Project.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 05-20.

13. NCTC Lease Agreement with Ridgewood Associates:

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-21.

ACTION ITEMS:

14. Nevada County Capital Improvement Program (CIP): This document presents information on County road system projects for a five-year period. Once the program has been approved by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, NCTC will be asked to incorporate it into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to facilitate the use of federal funding for some projects. (Note: CIP in Commissioner's packets only. Available to the public for review at the Nevada County Department of Transportation and Sanitation website: <http://new.mynevadacounty.com/dots>).

Action Requested: Review and comment.

15. Employee Health Benefit Compensation: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolutions 05-22 and 05-23.

16. 2005/06 Overall Work Program: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 05-24.

17. Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Update: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 05-25.

18. Federal Funding For Intercity Rail: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Direct the Chairman to sign letters communicating NCTC's support for a federal/state partnership to fund intercity rail along the I-80 corridor.

19. NCTC's Opposition to Suspension of Proposition 42 Funding: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 05-26 and direct the Chairman to sign letters opposing suspension of Proposition 42 funding.

20. Bike to Work Week: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 05-27.

21. Nevada County Transit Services Division Request for NCTC's Approval of Certifications and Assurances for their FTA 5311(f) Grant Application Package in the Amount of \$415,000. This document attests that NCTC certifies and assures that the Nevada County Transit Services Division has met the requirements for applying for FTA 5311(f) grant funds.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 05-28.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may make comments at this time on any items not appearing on the agenda that are of interest to the public and are within the jurisdiction of the Commission, provided that no action shall be taken unless otherwise authorized by Section 54954.2 of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members and the Executive Director may make a brief announcement or report on his or her activities. They may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Commission at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

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